Urea is the only fertilizer under partial movement and distribution control of the Government. Union Government ensures availability of urea at State level and the State Governments are responsible for its distribution within the State. However, the Department of Fertilizers monitors the availability of fertilizers up to district level.

All other fertilizer (Phosphatic and Potassic) *viz.*, DAP, MOP, SSP and NPK etc. are decontrolled / de-canalized since 1992. The availability of Phosphatic and Potassic fertilizers is decided by the market forces of demand and supply.

(d) The trend of consumption (sales) of fertilizers in Uttar Pradesh during last three years has been as under:

(Qty. in LMT)

Fertilizer/year	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
DAP	12.34	12.94	13.2
MOP	1.66	1.22	1.14
UREA	46.03	51.83	52.72

Scarcity of fertilizers for small tea growers

808. SHRI KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware about the scarcity of fertilizers for small tea growers;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to address such scarcity;

(c) whether Government has plan to reduce the price of fertilizers;

(d) whether Government knows that small tea growers are purchasing fertilizers at a very high price;

(e) whether Government will allocate sufficient fertilizers to small tea growers in a reduced price rate adopting special consideration on the matter; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) to (f) The demand of tea growers is included in the overall requirement of the respective State and the supplies are made accordingly.

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The availably of DAP, MOP and Urea during Kharif 2008 in the country has been as under:

(Qty. in LMT)

Fertilizer	Requirement	Availability	Sales
DAP	42.75	53.19	52.85
MOP	17.19	22.79	21.55
UREA	137.11	134.66*	127.92

*About 10 LMT of Urea was available in the field godowns at the start of the Kharif 2008 season which has not been included. As such there is no scarcity of fertilizers.

There is no proposal / plan to reduce the price of fertilizers.

Department of Fertilizers will ensure availability of Urea to the States at the assessed levels which includes the demand of tea growers also.